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**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property  
and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

I. On Page 1, after the title and before "FIELD OF INVENTION", please delete the paragraph and replace it with the replacement paragraph set forth below.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b), also enclosed, in Appendix A, is a version of the above replacement paragraph marked up to show all the changes relative to the deleted paragraph.

**REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATION**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from provisional application Serial Number 60/228,081, filed August 25, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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